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Foreign Broadcast Information Service
F. A. Mailroom
Cairo, Egypt
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

Preparations have now been nearly completed for sending
pioneer team to Cyprus, and I want to make you acquainted with
the arrangements.

Services Branch is assuming complete responsibility for
acquisition of land, letting of contracts, construction, procure-
ment of supplies and equipment and other administrative matters.

[redacted] Chief of Supply Division, and [redacted]
[redacted] Chief of Contracts Section, will be Services Branch
representatives and will carry the ball on getting the station
set up. FBIB representatives will act in an advisory capacity,
making clear our operational requirements and offering all
suggestions and assistance possible.

FBIB representatives will be [redacted]
[redacted] It is believed advisable to have the
organization represented, particularly in dealing with British
officials, by a man of military rank, and [redacted] will be
in charge of the FBIB contingent, with responsibility to this
office.

I should like you to devote your primary attention to
continued efficient operation at Cairo to avoid the letdown
which any prolonged absence on your part would entail, partic-
ularly as the prospective move becomes known to the staff, and
to making preparations for the move from the Cairo end. [redacted]
[redacted] however, being new to the organization, will be in constant
need of your advice and help, particularly in regard to staffing
the new station, whether by transfer or by recruitment; and it
will probably be necessary for one or both of you to commute
frequently between Cairo and Cyprus.

Present plans call for the entire party of five to leave
here on 26 January for Cairo. [redacted]
will proceed to Cyprus immediately after consulting you. [redacted]

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will remain in Cairo available to you for technical assistance until he is needed on Cyprus, probably when actual construction is underway.

Plans are to have [] travel on permanent change of station to Mediterranean Bureau positions as Assistant Chief, Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer respectively. For the present the official station of [] will be Cyprus while [] will, of course, be Cairo. I will keep you informed of any changes in this plan.

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Tentative designs for buildings, antennae and communications have been made, and requisitions for major items of equipment have been placed. A rough allocation of funds for the project in the amount of \$250,000 has been approved. [] will be able to furnish you details and will want your suggestions when he arrives in Cairo.

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Sincerely yours,

L. K. WHITE
Chief, FBIB

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